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METEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS:

NEWSIES

They delivered the papers until they made the headlines.

Aurora, IL - April 22, 2019 - Newsies, Disney's tale based on a true story about the 1899 Newsboys strike in New York City will take center stage at Metea Valley High School (MVHS) concluding the 2018-2019 theater season. Performances will take place May 2, 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. in the MVHS Auditorium (1801 North Eola Road, Aurora). Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, can be purchased online at www.meteamusic.org/theater or at the door beginning at 6 p.m. prior to the performance.

Set in turn-of-the century New York City, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (Kinky Boots). It features the now classic songs Carrying the Banner, Seize the Day, and Santa Fe.

"Even though the story is set at the turn of the century, the catchy songs and high-energy dancing brings the story to modern-day consciousness, and we easily connect to the character," Nathan Bramstedt, musical director, MVHS choral faculty and theater program

director, said. “Within our current climate, theater can demonstrate how standing together in solidarity and seizing the opportunities to create change can elevate our shared human experience. One for All and All for One!”

Newsies will be performed by an incredibly talented array of 60 actors, 30 tech students and 13 musicians, playing the original full Broadway orchestrations.

Celebrating 10 years of Metea Valley Theater with Alice in Wonderland, the Encore Musical Theater Tribute, Winter Scenes and Newsies. “Newsies definitely demonstrates the versatility of Metea Valley’s theater program,” Bramstedt said. “Show after show, we challenge our design team and students to push the boundaries of theatrical excellence, raising the bar in order to draw our audiences deeper into the stories that matter - stories that reflect our own stories.” Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

For more information, visit the [MVHS Theater webpage](#) or contact [Metea Valley](#) main office at 630-375-5900.

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